

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Madam Speaker...or Madam President and members of the body. Senator Bernard-Stevens, if you could join me on my microphone please. We heard David's good-bye speech and we're going to miss him. Last year, I think it was last year, and he probably still doesn't know where this came from.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Was that you?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Last year he was in the middle of this eloquent soliloquy; we had gotten sick of it.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: (Laughs)

SENATOR HUDKINS: I sent one of the Pages down to my office for a very special gift for David, came back wrapped in a very nice floral sack. It had a pink bunny in it. It also had something else. But it had a note on it that said, Senator Bernard-Stevens, perhaps this will help you keep going and going and going. And in that sack was a Duracell coppertop battery, but it was anonymous. He hadn't a clue as to where it was from. Now, on your final day, I am very pleased to present you a battery, this one works, the other one was dead. (Laughter) We have appreciated your many long talks and we're going to miss you a great deal.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you. I would like to say one thing. Carol, I miss... (Laughter) You shouldn't have done that, Carol. I misunderstood the message. It said, you know, when you go on and on and on, I thought whoever it was was encouraging me, to say, good job. And so I've been trying to follow through with that. I thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign legislative resolutions 470, 473, and 475. The Chair recognizes Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Madam President. I move that a committee of five be appointed to notify the Governor that the Ninety-Fourth Legislature, Second Session of the Nebraska Legislature is about to complete its work and to return with any message the Governor may have for the Legislature.